

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

RESOLUTION 57-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PENSION SYSTEM OF THE MARYLAND STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM ("MSRPS")

Introduced by: Mayor Calvin Washington

WHEREAS, the Town of Forest Heights is a municipality of the State of Maryland, and is eligible to participate in the Employees' Pension System – Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit ("EPS" and "LEOPS") in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Personnel and Pensions Article ("SPP"), § 31-102;

WHEREAS, the Town of Forest Heights provides for compensation and benefits to its employees in exchange for their service to the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, has determined it would be in the best interests of the town and its citizens, and the eligible employees of the Town of Forest Heights, to participate in the EPS or LEOPS;

WHEREAS, in accordance with SPP § 31-109(a)(1), a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights is required to approve and effectuate participation of eligible employees in the EPS or LEOPS;

WHEREAS, the Town of Forest Heights desires to participate in the EPS and LEOPS effective on July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, State law provides that the Town of Forest Heights shall purchase 100% of the service credit for employment prior to July 1, 2023 for employees eligible for participation in the Employees' Pension System and Law Enforcement Officers Pension System of the MSRPS who elect to participate before the effective date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, hereby authorizes, approves, and agrees to implement participation in the Employees' Pension System of the MSRPS effective on July 1, 2023, at 12:00 a.m., pursuant to SPP § 31-109(a); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the _Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, that in accordance with SPP §§ 23-204(a)(1)(vi) and 23-204(a)(3), eligible employees hired on or before June 30, 2023 and who remain employed by the town on July 1, 2023, shall have a one-time irrevocable election to join and participate in EPS or LEOPS effective July 1, 2023, by submitting a written application to the State Retirement Agency prior to the effective date of participation on July 1, 2023; and

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, at a Meeting on October 19, 2022 at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, at a Meeting on October 19, 2022.

PASSED this 19 day of October ____ 2022.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT


LILLY
KENNEDY II
ATKINSON
BARNES
HINES
WASHINGTON
NOBLE

YES
YES
YES
YES
YES
YES
YES

ATTEST:


THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

By: 
Calvin Washington, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 19 of October 2022 with 6 Aye votes and 0 Nay vote the aforesaid Resolution 57-22 passed.


Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk